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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the forty-second day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Pastor Todd Schave from the First Baptist Church, Blair, Nebraska; Senator Mines' district. Please rise.

PASTOR SCHAVE: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Pastor Shave. I call the forty-second day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: No corrections this morning.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Transportation reports LB 743 to General File with amendments, and LB 553 as indefinitely postponed. Committee on Agriculture designates LB 735 and LB 212 as their priority bills. And that's all I have at this time. (Legislative Journal page 817.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to the first item on the agenda.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 357A was introduced by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on March 10 and is before us on General File.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you. The Chair would recognize Senator Schimek to open on LB 357A.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members.